

A NOMENCLATORIAL NOTE

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Epidendrum neoporpax Ames, *nom. nov.*

Epidendrum porpax Reichenbach filius in Flora 48 (1865) 278, not Reichenbach filius in Bonplandia 3 (1855) 220.

Epidendrum vestitum Ames in Sched. Orch. 4 (1923) 51, not *Epidendrum vestitum* Swartz, Prodr. (1788) 124 which is *Ornithidium vestitum* (Sw.) Reichenbach filius in Walp. Ann. Bot. 6 (1863) 491.

Through an oversight, H. G. Reichenbach described two species, one a native of Nicaragua the other a native of Cuba, under the name *Epidendrum Porpax*. The Cuban species was described about ten years later than the Nicaraguan one and has to be given a new name. In *Schedulae Orchidianae* 4 (1923) 51, I proposed the new name *Epidendrum vestitum*, but as a result of recent changes in nomenclatorial rules this name is invalidated because of the *Epidendrum vestitum* of Swartz published in 1788, a species which is now referred to the genus *Ornithidium*.

Epidendrum neoporpax is an extraordinarily rare species which is only known from Cuba.